

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendments and to reconsider the rejection in view of the following remarks and amendments. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 22 to 24 are allowable.

Status of Claims

Claims 1 to 24 will be pending after entry of the present amendment. Claims 3, 5 to 7, and 9 to 21 are being amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 22 to 24 have been indicated as being allowable. Claims 3, 5 to 7, 9 to 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Amendment

Claim 3 is being amended to clarify that R_1 is hydrogen and R_2 and R_3 are as defined in Claim 1. Claims 5 to 7 and 9 to 21 are being amended to convert capital letters to small letters that were objected to in the Office Action, and to remove the italicizing of certain letters objected to in the Office Action. Claim 20 is also being amended to correct a typographical error in the recitation of "Claim 1" in line 1.

No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

Response to Rejection Under Section 112, second paragraph

Claims 3, 5 to 7, and 9 to 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Particularly, the Office Action has noted the following:

Claim 3 is vague and indefinite with respect to the definition of R_1 .

Claims 5 to 7 and 9 to 21 are vague and indefinite for having certain letters capitalized in the names of the compounds recited therein, and for having certain letters italicized in the names of the compounds recited therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, fully comply with the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph. In this regard, Claim 3 has been amended to clarify the definition for R_1 . Additionally, Claims 5 to 7 and 9 to 21 have been corrected with


respect to capitalization and italicization as suggested in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to Claims 5 to 7 and 9 to 21 do not change the scope of the claims as originally presented, and that one skilled in the art would have readily recognized the meaning of the chemical names in Claims 5 to 7 and 9 to 21 as originally filed.

In view of the above remarks and amendments being made to Claims 3, 5 to 7 and 9 to 21, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record and request withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Early and favorable notification of allowance of all pending claims is earnestly requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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